

1296 MHz Transverter

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

1296 and 902 MHz TRANSVERTERS



23 CM OVERVIEW

- 70 CM IF
- Both FM and SSB/CW use
 - FM provides 20 MHz repeater offset RX-TX
 - SSB;CW normal transverter operation
- IF sensed keying
- 444.0 MHz converts to 1296.0
- Si532 two frequency LO (852 MHz, 832 MHz)
- Mitsubishi 18W PA module
- 0.5 dB NF front-end (Mini-Circuits LNA)

CIRCUIT SUMMARY

- Four circuit boards:
 - RF board
 - Sequencer (IF keyed)
 - PA board
 - TX IF pad
- Surface mount assembly
- Silicon Labs Si532 (2 frequency) LO
- Printed RF filters
- IF TX sensed, T/R sequenced
- IF TX power load
- IF pass through to antenna when powered off

LOCAL OSCILLATOR

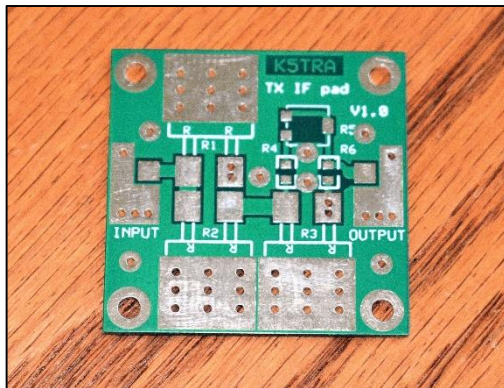
- Silicon Labs Si532
- IF frequency = 444.000 MHz
- LO frequency = 852.0 MHz (for RF= 1296.0 MHz)
- FM repeater offset option:
 - LO = 852.0 MHz during RX
 - LO = 832.0 MHz during TX

RECEIVER

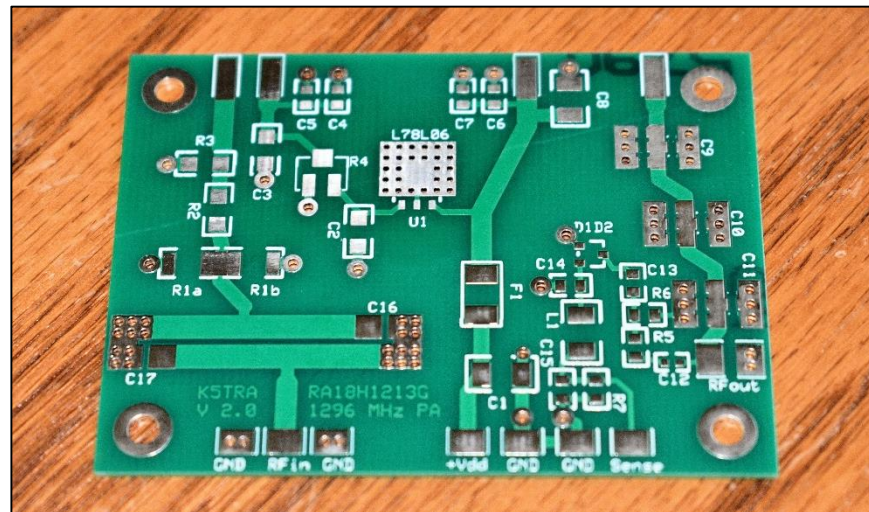
- LNA is CMA162LN
 - pHEMT IC
 - Minicircuits
 - $F_{min}=0.5$ dB
- ADEX-10H mixer: 7 dB conversion loss, +17 dBm LO
- Sirenza SGA6486 IF amplifier followed by a π pad
- π pad also has PIN diode to step loss during transmit
- Overall RX NF ≈ 0.8 dB

TRANSMITTER

- PA is 18 W Mitsubishi RA18H1213G module
- Bias regulator on PA board
- Transmit UHF IF drive is 45 dBm (nominal)
- IF power pad is adjustable (IF drive dependent)
- Printed RF BP and PA LP filters
- RF level detector on PA board drives LED display



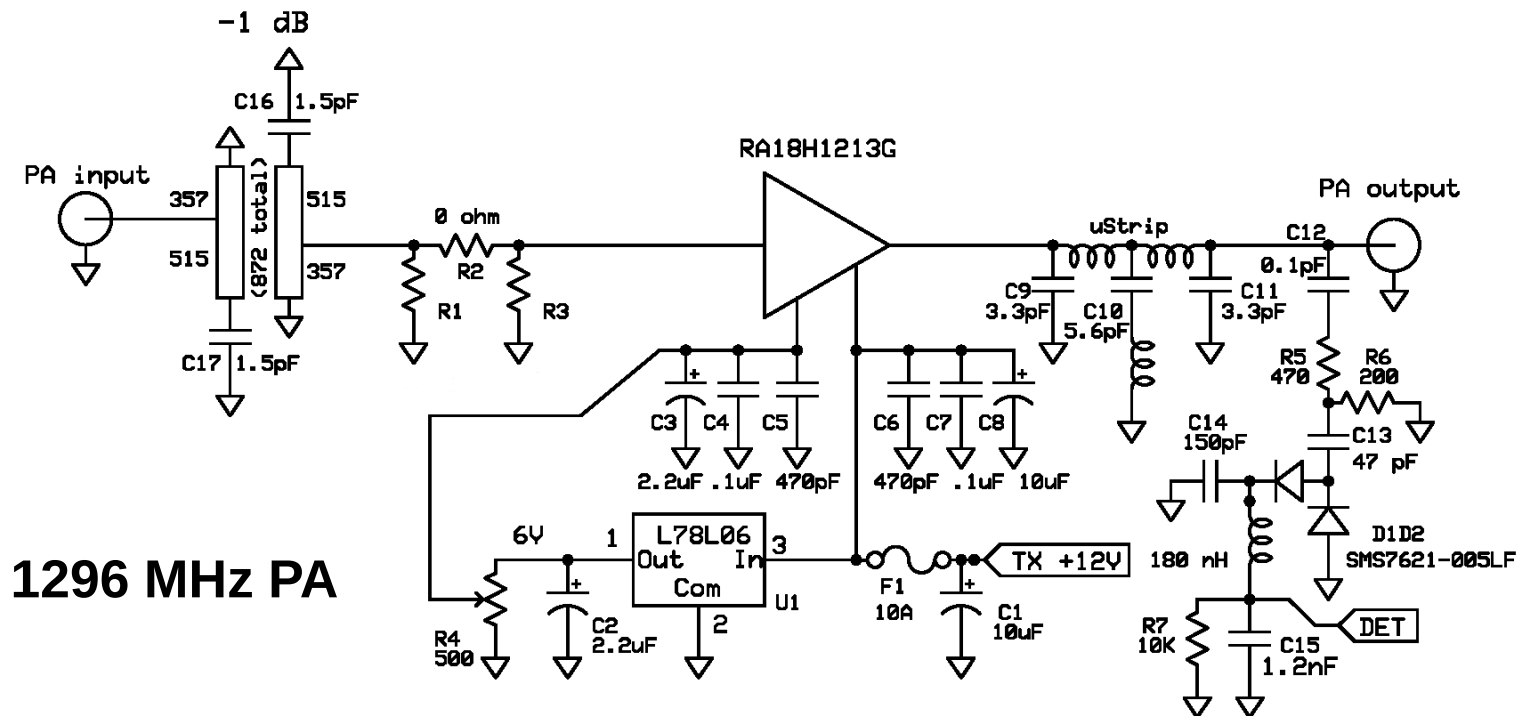
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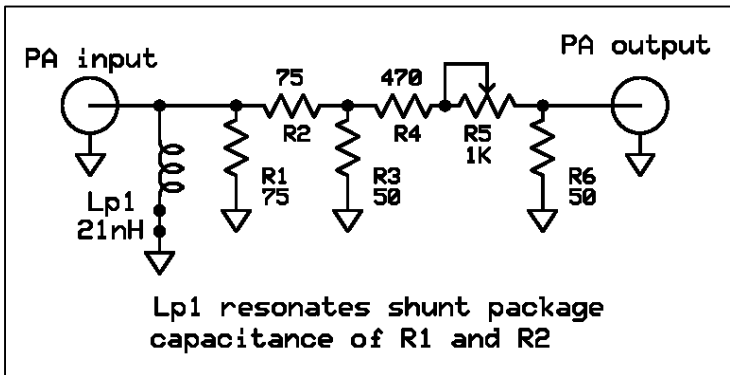
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23 CM PA BOARD

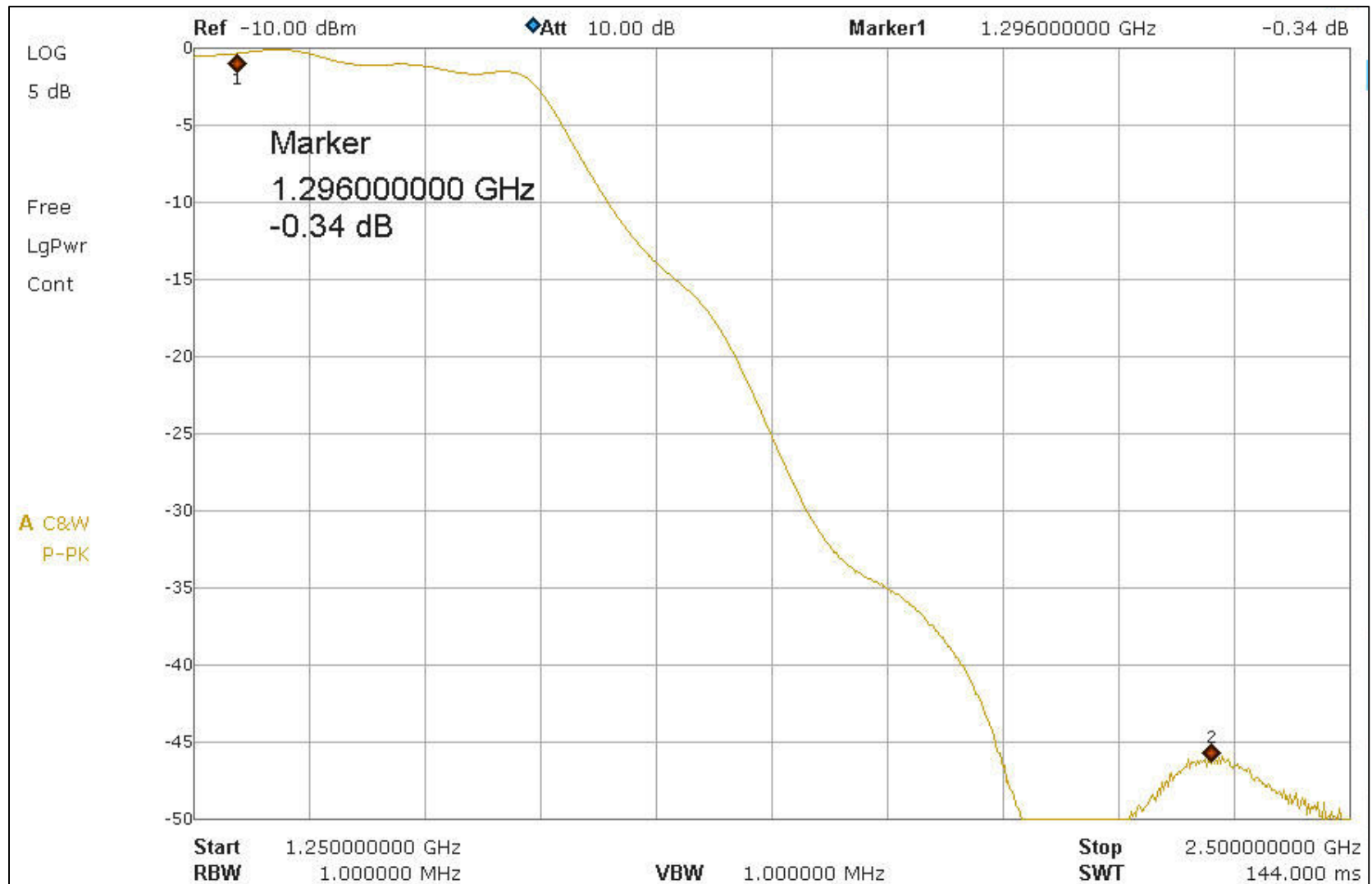
PA and TX IF PAD SCHEMATICS



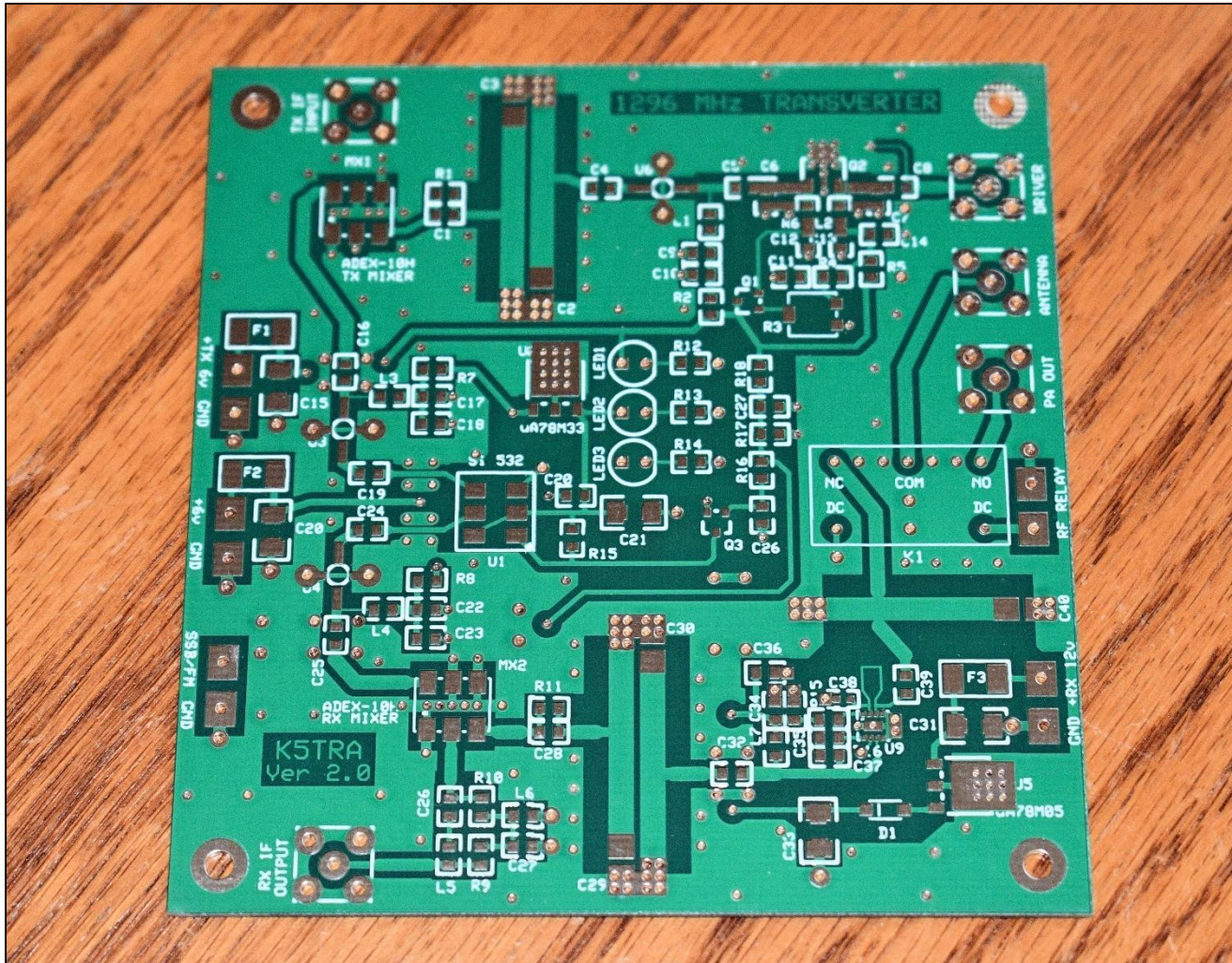
UHF IF PAD



PA LPF



23 CM RF BOARD



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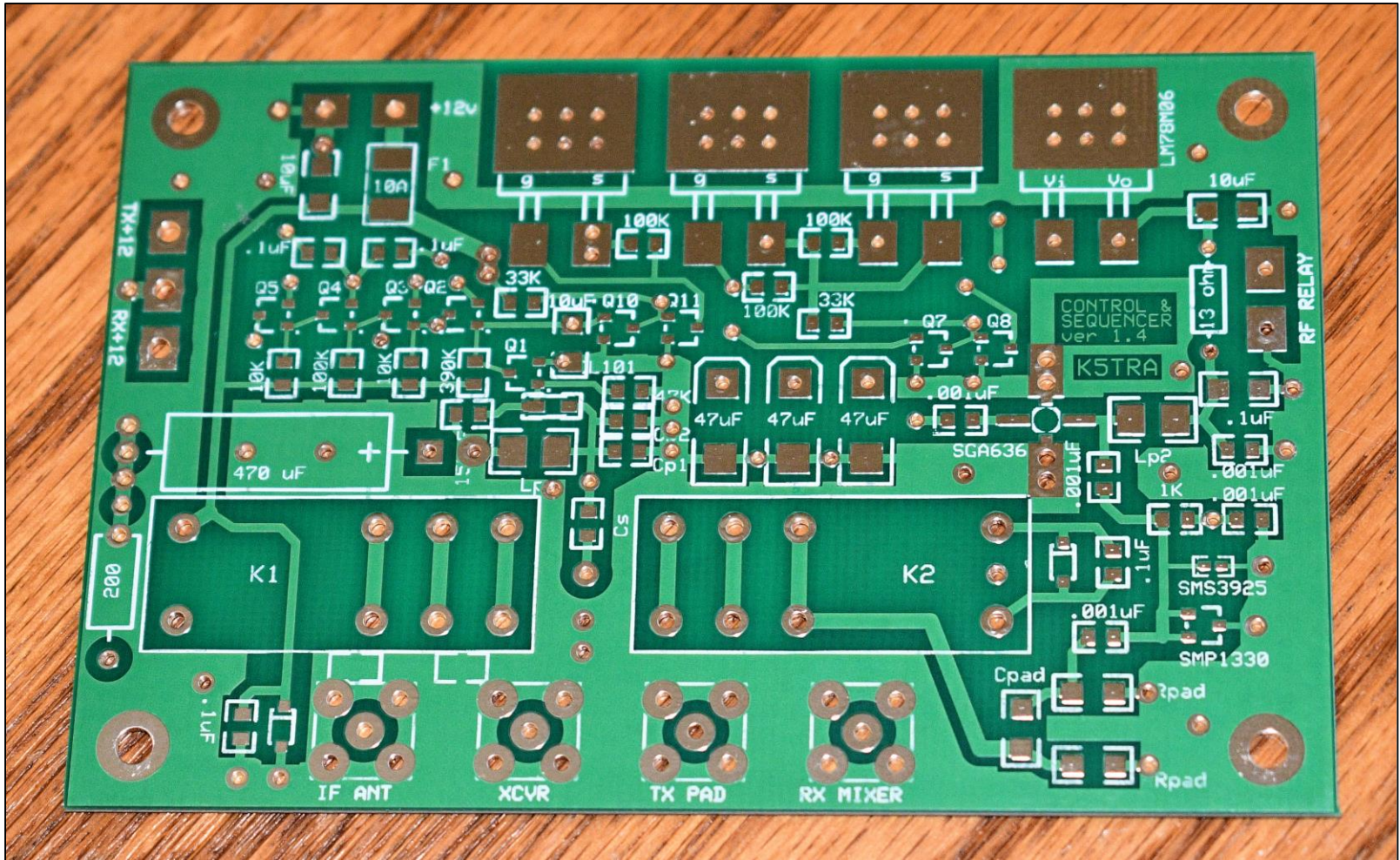
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23 CM GAIN and POWER BUDGET

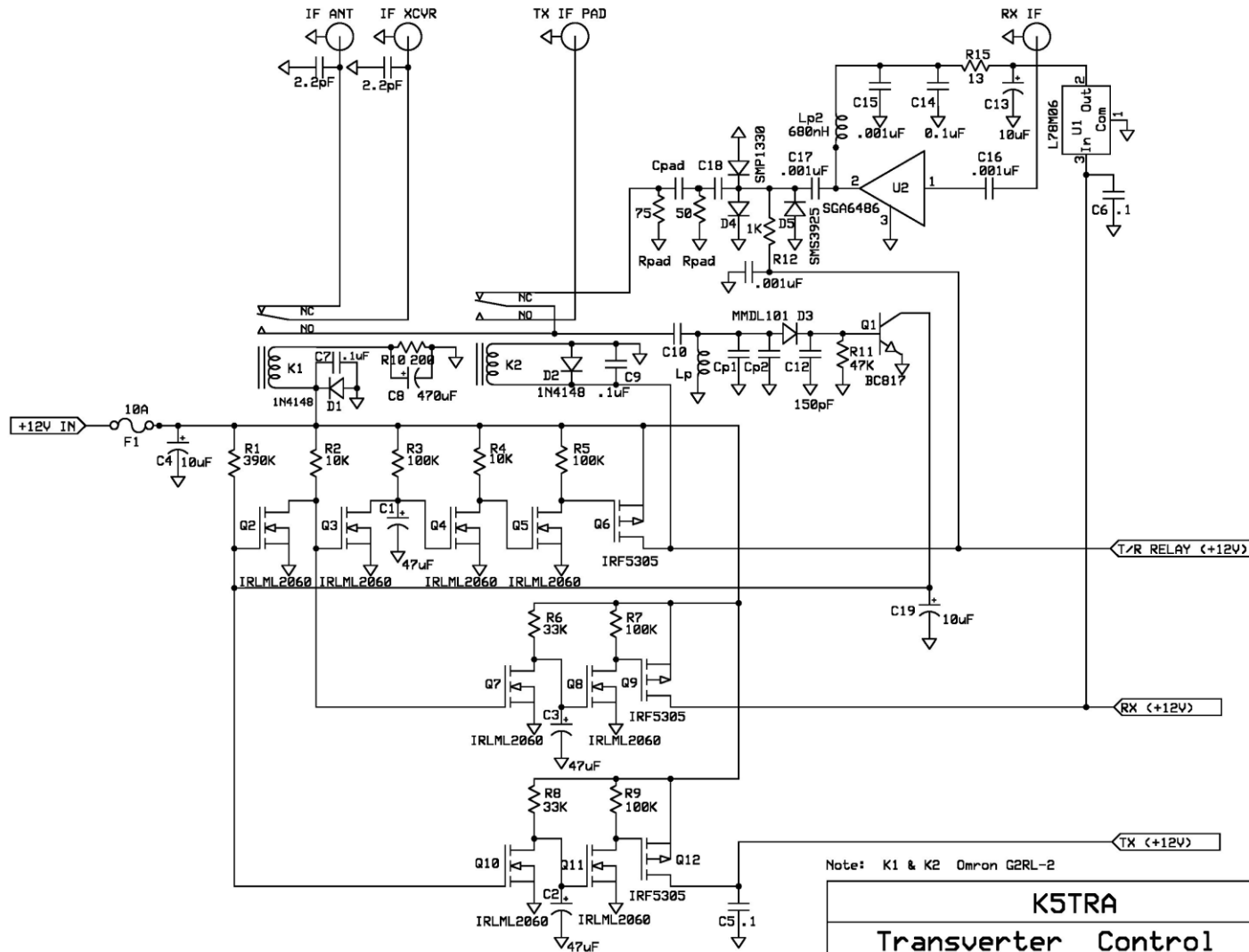
TRANSMIT		
	Gain	Output Level
RF relay	-0.2	43.0
LPF	-0.3	43.2
PA	22.0	43.5
Pad	-1.5	21.5
BPF	-0.5	23.0
Driver	12.0	23.5
PreDriver	14.0	11.5
BPF	-0.5	-3.0
Mixer	-7.0	-2.5
TX IF pad	-40.5	4.5
IF XCVR		45.0
Total Gain = 38.0		

RECEIVE		
	Gain	Input Level
RF relay	-0.2	-138.0
Input resonator	-0.6	-138.2
LNA	19.0	-138.8
BPF	-0.5	-119.8
Mixer	-7.0	-120.3
Bridged-T	-1.0	-127.3
RX IF Amp & pad	9.0	-128.3
IF XCVR		-119.3
Total Gain = 18.7		

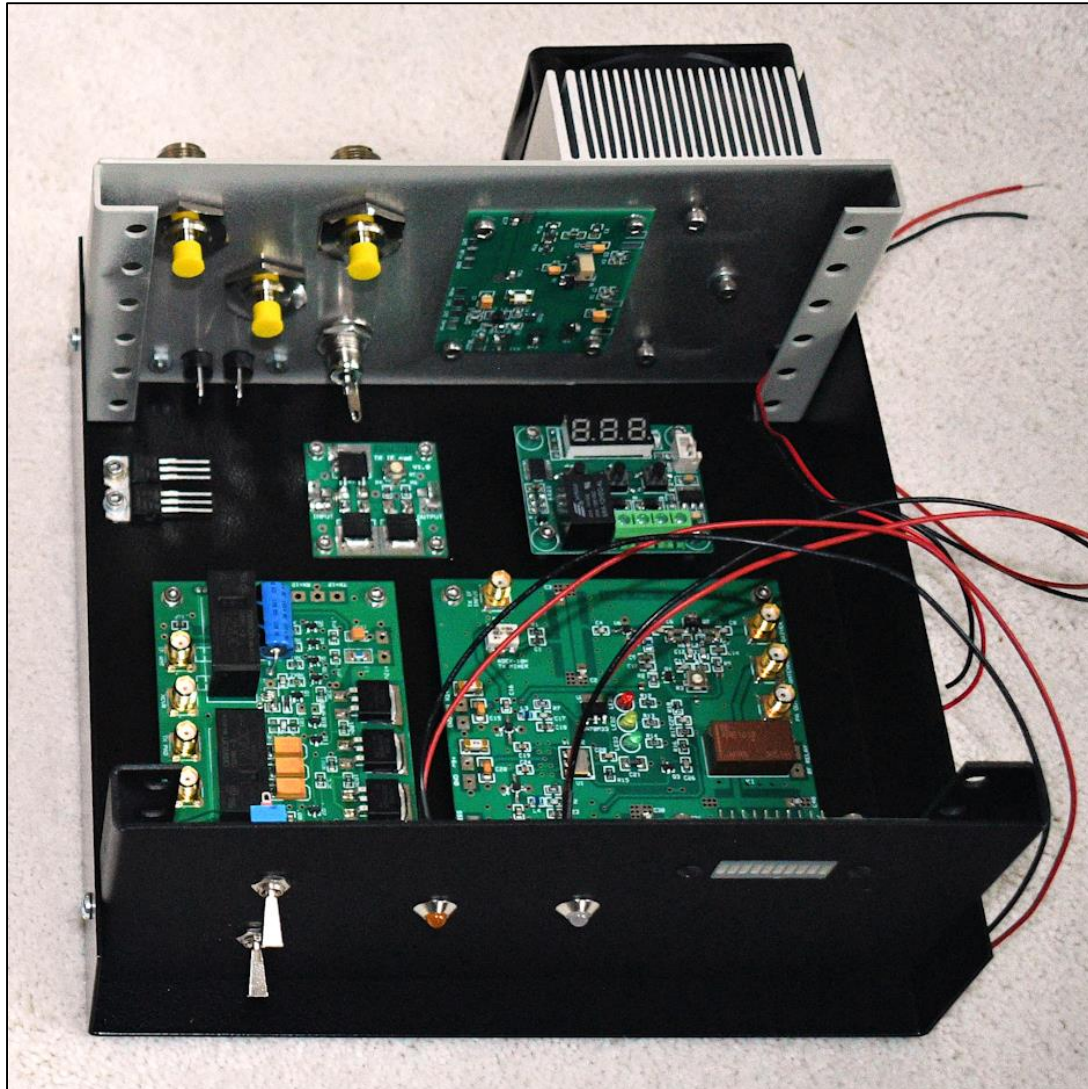
SEQUENCER BOARD



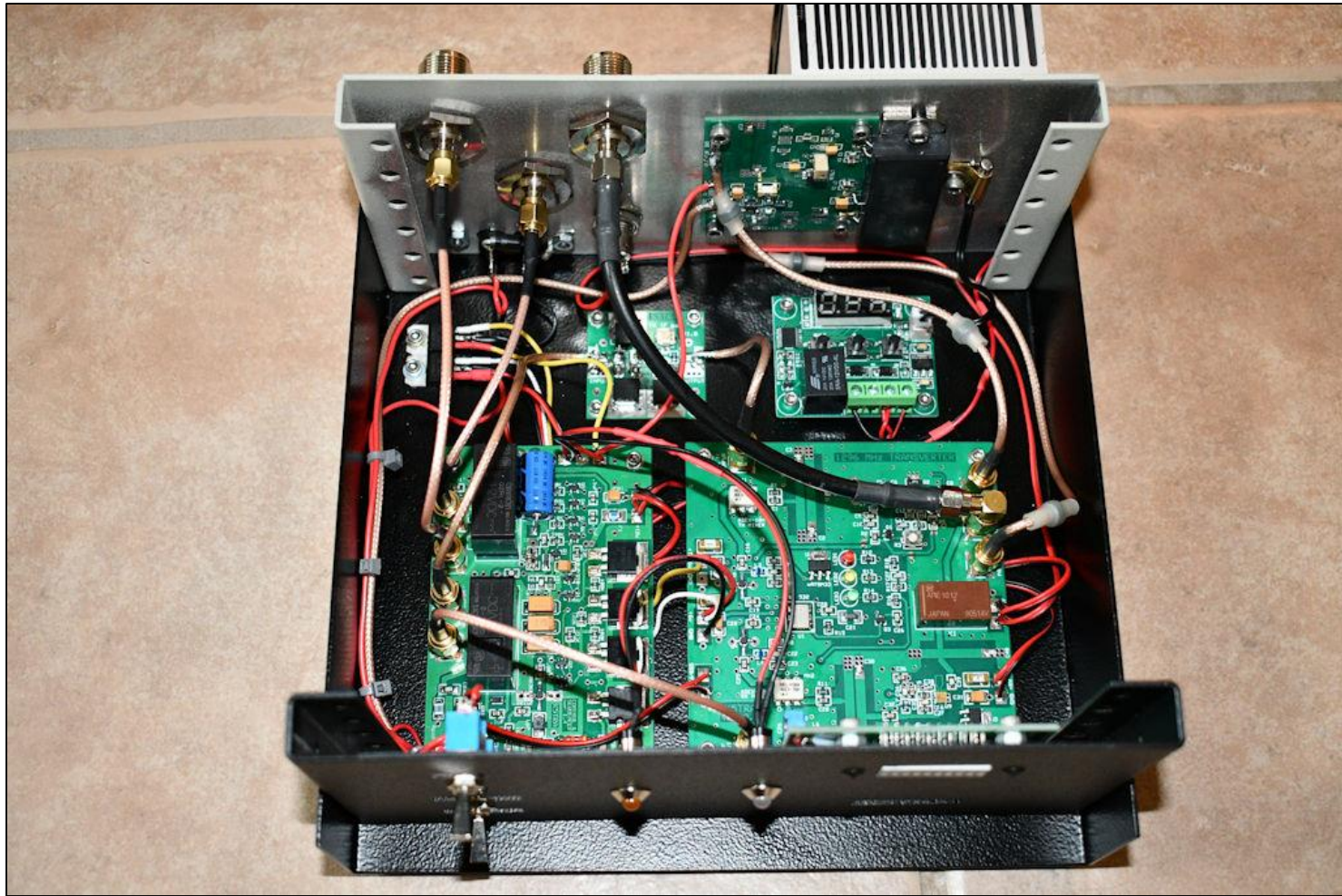
SEQUENCER SCHEMATIC



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COMPLETED TRANSVERTER – TOP VIEW



REAR PANEL of 23CM and 33CM UNITS



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